



Oswego Lodge #271 recently held their annual Public Safety Awards Presentation. New York State President Michael Bloss of Clifton Park Lodge # 2455 attended the Ceremony. State President Bloss assisted in the presentation of the awards to the Honorees. Congratulations to all the Honorees. Thank You for keeping our community safe.

Pictured are State President Michael Bloss, Deputy Cory E. Monroe of the Oswego County Sheriff's Department, Charles Fortier from Mexico Volunteer Fire Department, Officer Thomas R. Rupert from the Oswego Police Department and Thomas Miller Deputy Chief from the Oswego City Fire Department and Officer Kelly M. Thompson from the University Police at the State University College at Oswego and Exalted Ruler Michael Loughrey of the Oswego Elks Lodge.



Oswego Lodge #2371 Ladies Auxiliary presented a check for \$250 to Greg Callen, founder of Move Along. Move Along works with youth and adults with disabilities. Pictured above; President of the Oswego Elks Auxiliary Diane Pooler and First Vice President Mary Kerfien presenting a check to Greg Callen.

Auburn lodge #474 held a wings and sausage sandwich evening to benefit ENF. They raised about \$500 dollars to benefit the Elks National Foundation.



Dunkirk Lodge #922 past officers participated in an Old Timers Night. Initiated that night was Lawrence Haase III. He is the nineteen member of the Haase family to become an Elk. Pictured include (Left to right) are, Lawrence Haase Jr, PDD, Lawrence Haase III and Lawrence Haase Sr PSP

Islip Lodge # 2533 led by PER's Dennis Casey and Norman Newkirk joined forces with the Islip Drug Education Awareness (IDEA) Task Force and Wellness Club and hosted the annual Health Fair for students in the Islip High School. The Lodge representatives spoke at great length to the students on our Drug Awareness Program and explained the workings of our Hoop Shoot Program as well as our Soccer

Program. The purpose of the Fair was to enhance the lives and health of the students. It was well received by all the students.



Beacon Lodge #1493 honored the first responders of the year .The following Agencies participated they were Beacon Fire Dept, Glenham Fire district, Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corp. and Dutchess Junction Fire Dept. Following the ceremony and dinner put on by the lodge members, Elk member Al Sargent (make entertainment)donated his DJ services to a night of enjoyment. Pictured above Loyal Knight Carl Oken chairman of the event presents Russell Joseph nephew of recipient Timothy Joseph with a plaque honoring him for his loyal dedication to the community.



Watertown Lodge #496 distributes 1,285 dictionaries Grandfather delivers dictionary to granddaughter Starting from November 1, 2010 to November 9, 2010, the Watertown Elks Lodge #496 distributed 1285 dictionaries to 3rd graders in area schools. Accompanying the dictionaries were drug awareness bookmarkers and coloring books. Dictionaries were given at 23 schools. Past State President Tim Kelly, along with PSVP John Gaffney, PER Don Ried, and member Bob Overton, took part in this program. The Watertown Elks Lodge #496 has been participating in the Dictionary Project every since the New York State Elks Association became involved during the 2004-2005 Lodge year. As of this writing, the Watertown Elks Lodge has distributed 9,757 dictionaries.

The Watertown Elks Lodge #496 takes great pride in participating in this project and look forward to doing this again for the next school year.

The Dictionary Project was founded in 1995 by Mrs. Mary French of Charleston, SC. The sole mission of this non-profit organization is to distribute dictionaries to as many third graders as possible in the 50 United States and territories. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks are one of many sponsors. Dictionaries have been distributed to every State of the Union, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. At this point in time, over 14 million children have received a dictionary thanks to the generosity of sponsors who have participated in the Dictionary Project.

Pictured above; PSP Kelly is shown with Mr Burgess's class at Knickerbocker School in Watertown, with his granddaughter McKenna and her classmates in front of him.

Saratoga-Wilton Lodge #161 – A committee was formed in 1991, following the Persian Gulf War/Desert Storm, to welcome the sailors and officers of the USS Saratoga to Saratoga Springs. This respite was in honor of the service to their country and to introduce the crew of the USS Saratoga to the carrier's namesake city of Saratoga Springs. The festivities were coordinated by a large committee that included the Chamber

of Commerce, various Veterans organizations as well as Saratoga Wilton Lodge #161. The 60 crew members who were invited, were sponsored by members of the Elks Lodge who acted as their chaperones and tour guides for the weekend. Sixty sailors and officers marched in the Saturday Flag Day Parade on June 8, 1991. The first Continental Sloop-of-War, named Saratoga, was launched 221 years ago. The most recent USS Saratoga is no longer in service.

This year is the 20th. Anniversary of the "Welcome Home USS Saratoga" Flag Day was held on June 11, 2011. Pictured below are making preparations for this years parade; L to R; Front row John O'Connor who designed the "Welcome Home USS Saratoga" poster in 1991, Tom Klotz, 2011 Flag Day Chairman. Back row, Larry Gordon, ER Ken Tubbs, Gene Corsale. Larry and Gene were members of the original committee that organized the 1991 event.



Penn Yan Lodge #1722 recently gave a gift to the 10th. Mountain Division (Army) and all military personnel at Ft. Drum, NY in the northern zone. Thru auspices of the USO and the work and co-operation of Karen Clark and Merredith Sood, the Lodge sponsored the "Over the Hump Hot Dog Day". Free hot dogs were provided by the Lodge to all military personnel from 11:30 am to 1 pm in the USO buildings on post. This event gave us something we have been looking for a rationale for helping our troops and enhancing their morale. We also wanted to help support the USO's Ft. Drum mission to provide the military with a variety of services, outreach programs, and morale boosting events. Many of our troops have deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan and are scheduled to be rotated back there again. Obviously, there is a profound need for more services! The morale of our troops remains a top priority for



our lodge.

Saratoga-Wilton Lodge #161 was part of an Eagle Scout ceremony involving two boy scouts from troop 55. ER Robert Lounsbury presented framed National Elks Eagle Scout Certificates with American Flags to Eagle Scouts David Goldstein and Ray Bailey. Goldstein's eagle scout project was building and putting in place five snowmobile signs for the Charlton snowmobile club. Bailey eagle scout project was building 6 picnic tables for the Crossing Park in Colonie for public use. Pictured above L to R; Eagle Scout David Goldstein, ER Robert Lounsbury and Eagle Scout Ray Bailey.

